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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Self-Justification Via Shifted Responsibility

BY MRS. H. W. POTEAT

Text: "*When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it,*" Matt. 27:24.

That same old spirit of self-justification via shifted responsibility which was first practiced by our foreparents, when Adam blamed Eve with his own individual act of eating the forbidden fruit and she in turn shifted all the responsibility onto the serpent, was here manifested by Pilate and, sad to say, is still prevalent in the land today, not only among sinners but professing followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Prov. 23:23 says, "Buy the truth and sell it not." Psa. 15:4 says in the description given by David of a citizen of Zion, "He that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not." There are not many but what come short of the glory of God sometimes, but oh, how much better, when we see our faults, to acknowledge our shortcomings instead of shifting the blame on this, that, or the other, which is only detrimental to our ownselves and which, as in Pilate's case, in nowise exonerates us. The Word teaches that every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed.

In reference to our text we all know the story of how Pilate, in a measure, tried to prevail with the people in behalf of Jesus, insomuch that he said, "I find no fault in him." In studying God's Word and history we find that the power lay in his hands to protect the dear Son of God, but for fear of public sentiment, which doubtless would have led to hostility, his courage weakened and in order to avoid trouble he submitted to their blood-thirsty clamoring and consented by his actions to the crucifixion of Jesus, releasing unto them the guilty Barabbas. You will agree with me that just merely washing his hands in a little water did not remove the stain of guilt from his soul; neither did the willingness of the people take the blood of Jesus upon them and their children. The fact that he could have protected Him and was in a position which gave him power to do so, made him as guilty, if not more so, than the ones who pierced Him in the side and drove the nails through His innocent hands.

Just here I am forcibly reminded of a dream I once had in regard to some local church trouble where we were engaged in the Lord's work at that time. In my dream I was vividly impressed with two characters who were involved in the trouble. One was a dear sister who was willing to submit and even suffer wrong and misrepresentation in order that the trouble be satisfactorily settled and peace reign again in the church. I shall never forget the halo of light which encircled her head which in my dream seemed to be characteristic of Jesus. The other one was a man, and furthermore a deacon, who took on an unreasonable spirit and instead of using the power invested in him as a deacon and in a Bible way go about settling the trouble he lost his patience and with the spirit of Pilate said, "I'll wash my hands of the whole affair." In my dream he had a black band around his forehead and was typical of Pilate. I am sure you will again agree with me that whatever loss the church sustained through this impetuous act will stand against him unless he repented and made it right. Oh, that each of us would be wholehearted and truehearted to the trust committed unto us. We find that David's faithfulness in the performance of little things committed to him, although unseen by people, served to fit him for a task which had baffled the armies of Israel for so long.

We should let nothing cause us to shift responsibility thereby easing our conscience by trying to console ourselves with the thought that the blame lies upon another. True exemption from any wrong only comes when we have used every means of power we have over whatever the circumstance might be. To be sure many times the responsibility does not wholly lie upon one. In such cases we can only carry out our responsibility as far as it goes. But beloved, I am persuaded upon the authority of God's Word, that we are required to do that

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Notices

NOTICE!
All State Overseers

The new Assembly ruling on mission offerings is working wonders—where it is worked.

California, Arizona and Nevada, with few churches and small membership, by raising offerings at local churches and bringing to state meeting, beat their own good record of last year over 400 per cent. To be exact, last year it was $51.26 compared to this year's $231.01.

Doesn't the Bible say, "Go do thou likewise?"

Come on! We have the greatest and largest program on in the history of the Church—let's do our best if possible.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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The Big Island, Mo. district convention will convene May 7-9 at the Vicksburg Church of God, three miles southeast of Deering, four miles southwest of Braggadocio. Entertainment will be free to delegates. Our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, will bring some interesting messages, also other good speakers. We also invite others from near-by districts.—D. K. Murphy, district overseer, Kennett, Mo.

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The East St. Louis, Ill. district convention will convene at the Church of God on 17th and Lincoln Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill., May 7-9. Entertainment will be free. Our state overseer will be with us, also other good preachers.—Your humble brother, G. W. Messer, district overseer, 1713 Gross Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

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The Crockett, Tex. district convention will convene at Trinity, Tex., April 24, 25. We invite others from other districts and states to come. Our state overseer will be in charge.—W. F. Ainsworth, district pastor.

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To whom it may concern: My present address is Dalton, Ga., Route 4. My health is no better, so please pray for me. —Your brother in Christ, H. J. Murphy.

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The Cleveland district convention will convene at the South Cleveland church, Cleveland, Tenn., April 23-25. First service Friday 7:15 p. m. with state overseer in charge. We invite all neighboring churches. For this convention to be a success it will mean co-operation from each church.—W. J. Milligan, district overseer, 209 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

We are going to start a meeting as soon as we can. If any evangelist wants to come and start a meeting, we will be glad for him to come. We will help him. We are going to have all-day service Mother's Day and dinner on the ground. Please pray for us.—Miss Wyoma McGee, Holly Grove, Ark., Rt. 4, Box 35, c|o W. B. Bennett.

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CORRECTION IN S. S. LITERATURE

In the Intermediate Quarterly, Explanatory Notes, Lesson 8, May 23, the statement concerning Jacob never returning home during the lifetime of his parents is a mistake. He did not return during the lifetime of his mother but he did see his father and helped to bury him.

This mistake was found and marked before the quarterly was printed but the correction was overlooked.

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To whom it may concern: My address for the next two months is 1002 Avenue B, Council Bluff, Iowa.—J. L. Goins, state overseer.

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This is to notify the folks at Bridgeford that there will be a business meeting Saturday night before the third Sunday in April. We will be glad if every member is present.—E. E. O'Neal, pastor; C. A. Culpepper, district overseer, Baxley, Ga.

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We are open for revivals anywhere. Anyone needing a revival, let me hear from you. I stand foursquare for the Church of God and its teachings. I can give you good reference if you want any. —Yours for lost souls, Chas. W. Sullivan, Gen. Del., East Ellijay, Ga.

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I thank the Lord for our state superintendent. He and Sister Grant have proven a blessing to us. They are ready to assist us in any way we need them. We ask an interest in your prayers. We will not have our Sunday School and Y. P. E. rally next fourth Sunday, April 25. I will give the date later.—Addie Martin, district superintendent, Blacksburg, S. C.

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Gospel tents and living tents made to order. Special price to all ministers of the gospel. Please write me at once before buying your tent.—Your brother in Christ, V. E. Hooks, 617 Bryant St., Bessemer, Ala.

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The Lake Worth, Fla. district Sunday School convention will convene at the Church of God, First St., Riviera, Fla., April 25. We will have all-day services and dinner at the church, so bring a well-filled basket. Our district pastor, Brother L. B. Hammond, will be in charge.—Everybody welcome.—J. W. Allen, district S. S. Supt., Riviera, Fla.

The Jacksonville, Fla. district convention will convene at the Church of God, Lake City, Fla., April 30-May 2. Service will begin Friday at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, May 1, there will be business and instructions for the Sunday School and Y. P. E. officials. Brother Williams, our state overseer, will be there to conduct the services. There will be dinner on the ground Sunday, so please bring a well-filled basket. Come, there will be room for you. Remember the date, April 30-May 2.—Thos. W. Godwin, district pastor.

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Arthur Seals is no longer clerk at Mitchell Chapel, as I am now the clerk. —Ardilla Mitchell, Poplarville, Miss.

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To the Church of God everywhere: Chas. W. Pfautz is no longer a minister or a member of the Church of God.—C. H. Blankenship, overseer of Pennsylvania.

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A revival will begin at Epps, La. April 17 by Sister Alexander. We will have home coming day April 25. All are invited. Bring a well-filled basket. Pray that God will bless us.—S. B. Webb, pastor, Rt. 1, Epps, La.

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To those who would like to know my address: At present it is 1721 St. Luke Road, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.—Mrs. E. A. Henson.

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We are going to have all-day service at Archibald, La. Mother's Day, May 9. You have a hearty welcome. Bring a well-filled basket.—George Hemphill, pastor, Archibald, La.

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In the April 3rd issue of the Evangel in the report written by Mrs. J. W. Vance, Ethel, W. Va. on "Victory Ahead," we stated: "We are proud of our pastor and his wife, they have been a blessing to the church," when it should have read, "We are proud of Brother Gobel Spangler and wife, they have been a blessing to the church." The writer of this report was the pastor's wife. Brother Spangler and his wife were in charge of the revival. We are sorry we made this mistake and are glad to make the correction.

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NOTICE, STATE OVERSEERS!

Inasmuch as the Ministers' Study Course, which was to be arranged by a committee and passed upon by the twelve councillors, is not available yet, I suggest that you continue to examine and license ministers as heretofore.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Nothing is so easily broken or so hard to mend as the heart of man.

The Dispensation of Law

By the Editor

Our last article was on the Dispensation of Promise and we left Jacob and his sons and all their possessions in Egypt. Joseph at that time was governor of Egypt. He finally became king and when he died he made his brethren promise that they would take his bones back to Canaan, and this they endeavored to do.

In the time of bitter bondage God raised up a deliverer through Moses. Now we are writing on the Dispensation of Law which lasted from the exodus from Egypt to the birth of Christ.

In the previous dispensations God allowed men to govern for Him but now He is beginning a period in which He Himself will govern the people. God hearing the cries of His people in bitter bondage, sent them a deliverer, and after a contest with Pharaoh, sending the plagues and finally the death of the first-born into the Egyptian families, Pharaoh let God's people go.

The deliverance of Israel falls into three chief divisions. First, Israel in Egypt, Exodus, chapters 1-15. Second, from the Red Sea to Sinai, chapters 16-18. Third, Israel at Sinai, chapters 19-40. The events in Exodus cover a period of 216 years. At the time of Moses' visit on the mount, God gave him the Ten Commandments, and on his return to the camp the people had made them a golden calf and were worshiping in the manner of the Egyptians. Moses was grieved and he threw the stones of commandments down and broke them. After rebuking them severely he went to God in prayer and God told him He was going to destroy these people. Moses stood as an intercessor between God and the people and said, "O Lord, if you are going to destroy these people, blot me out also." Moses' relation to the children of Israel was the same as Christ to a lost world. He appeased the wrath of God and stood as an intercessor between God and the lost people.

After returning and meeting God on the mount, he came back with a stone with the commandments rewritten and a thorough record and understanding of all that had ever happened, and it is from this book of Genesis, written by Moses, that we have record of the antediluvian world and also the creative age. Now God is setting up what is known as a government of theocracy. It was God's intention to Himself rule on earth, through man as His representative. God was to appoint the persons chosen, that is, He told Moses whom He wanted as preachers, priests, etc.

Their wilderness journey continued for forty years. It was through Moses that all commandments were given. Every tribe was placed around the tabernacle in perfect order; every tribe had its duties to perform. In fact, this was one of the most perfect organizations ever known and it continued throughout their wilderness journey. There were times in the history of this journey that the people were disobedient and God's wrath was kindled against them. The earth swallowed them up and because of their murmuring and complaining God sent serpents into the camp. God told Moses to make a serpent of brass and place it on a pole and all who looked would be healed. This, of course, was a type of Christ as He was lifted up for fallen man.

The book of Leviticus gives us the perfect order of the priestly sacrifices and how God ordered His people, through His servant Moses. The burnt offerings were a type of Christ offering Himself without spot to God. The creatures acceptable for sacrifice were five: the bullock or ox, a type of Christ as a patient and enduring servant; the sheep, a type of Christ, a type of self-surrender to death, Isa. 53:7; Acts 8:32-35; the goat, which typifies the sinner, Matt. 25:33; the turtledove or pigeon, naturally a symbol of mourning and innocence, Isa. 38:14. The fire by which these sacrifices were consumed was essentially a symbol of God's holiness, as such it expressed God in three ways: First, God in judgment upon the wicked; second, in the manifestations of Himself, and of that which He approves; third, in purification. There was also sweet savour offerings, so called because they typified Christ in His own perfections. In the meal offering, the fine flour speaks of the evenness and balance of the character of Christ, of that perfection in which no quality was in excess, there was none like it. The entire tabernacle service was typical of complete redemption of which Christ is the author. This was all to be carried out under the commands of God's representatives. The dispensation of law was to bring man to Christ and every officer and priest was to be appointed through God's direction.

The book of Numbers derives its name from the fact that it records the enumeration of Israel. Historically, Numbers takes up the story where Exodus left off. Numbers is in five chief divisions: first, the order of the host, 1:1-10:1; second, from Sinai to Kadesh-barnea, 10:11-12:16; third, Israel at Kadesh-barnea, 13:1-19:22; fourth, the wilderness wanderings, 20:1-33:49; fifth, closing instructions, 33:50-36:13.

DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy consists of the parting counsel of Moses delivered to Israel. It contains a summary of the history of Israel, a restatement of the law, with warnings, also instructions and predictions. After they had reached Kadesh-barnea the second time, God spoke to Moses and directed him in battle against Sihon, king of Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and also against Og, king of Bashan. Moses was successful in his encounters among these heathen kings and followed the Lord's advice strictly. It is in Deuteronomy we have recorded again the Ten Commandments as God gave them to Moses, and all the strict commands and rules and regulations laid down for the children after they got into the Promised Land were recorded in Deuteronomy. In the 31st chapter of Deuteronomy we have recorded the last counsels to the priests, Levites, and to Joshua. Moses rehearses the sayings of the Lord to him and tells them that the Lord said he should not go over this Jordan. He commanded the Levites which bore the ark of the covenant to take the book of the law and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant, that it might be there for a witness. After Moses talked with Joshua and the people he walked down through the congregation and from there to Mt. Nebo and viewed the Promised Land, and while he wept because of his failure to get into that goodly land, God showed him something better.

After Moses' death Joshua met the Lord and God told him to "arise and go over Jordan, thou and all this people." He said, "Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thy divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them." Joshua commanded the officers to pass through the hosts and command them to prepare themselves victuals for in three days they were to pass over Jordan. And the people answered him saying, "All that thou commandest us we will do." Joshua sent out two men to spy out the land secretly. They went into the house of Rahab and lodged there. Rahab treated them kindly and by so doing she preserved her life. When the people of Jericho sought the spies she let them down

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A Request

We have requested in previous issues of the Evangel that those writing testimonies and reports make them as brief as possible. Up to this time we have put in the paper all reports that have been sent to us. Some say that they have sent them but we never received them. You will do us a great favor by making them as brief as possible. Also those writing articles to the paper will do us a favor by making them as pointed as you can to bring out your thoughts, which will save us delay in putting other pieces in. DISTRICT NOTICES as a general rule are entirely too lengthy. Think about giving a notice for each district in the United States for every department of the Church! It is impossible to put them in like they come in for lack of space. From now on we kindly ask the privilege of putting in just the necessary things concerning the district conventions.

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Daily Things in Christian Lives

Daily renewing of the inner man, 2 Cor. 4:15. Here Paul is exhorting the Corinthians to renew their covenants and he says that "all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God." Here it seems that the renewing of our covenants and blessings to God is done through thanksgiving to Him. Thanksgiving always comes through prayer and praise and this is very necessary in the Christian life. If we are to be successful, we must pray and praise the Lord for His goodness to us.

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Daily Reading of the Word

Neh. 8:18, *"Also day by day, from the first unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God."*

Here Nehemiah is searching the old records and reading day after day God's commandments to Israel, and it was through the hearing of this Word that new faith and new love was generated in the hearts of the captives returning to their home land. It is said they stood in the rain and heard the Word and renewed their covenants with God. In these days of perils, conflicts and misunderstandings there is nothing that will comfort our hearts like reading and receiving the precious Word of God. I am afraid our people are losing ground. We should be studying the Word of God and finding out what God wants us to do in place of engaging in other things that bring confusion and heartaches. When God spoke to His prophets of old the next thing they did was to search His Word to find out what He had commanded the people to do, and if we obey the Word we will come out more than conquerors in the end.

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Daily Prayer to the Lord

Dan. 6:10. When Daniel knew that the decree was signed he knelt down with his window open toward Jerusalem and prayed and gave thanks three times a day. Daniel was in the councils of the people who had taken him captive and he knew the treacherous workings of his brethren. He knew Darius had signed a decree but there was one thing he was especially interested in and that was the worship of God, and he continued to worship God regardless of what was going on around him. He considered his prayer life worth more than the bickering council of his fellow statesmen and they decided to lay a trap for him. They didn't like his praying and praising God but that was the thing that brought Daniel out and made him the final conqueror. In my judgment, if we overcome the evils of the day and are victorious in our life and service for God, it will be through strictly adhering to His Word, praying and praising Him, for we know that God will hear those who cry unto Him day and night.

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Daily Exhortation of One Another

Heb. 3:13. Here Paul's letter to the Hebrews is exhorting them to admonish and commune with and advise one another daily. He says, "lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end." What will it profit us if we turn aside from the true paths of rectitude and right? What if we do leave off the plain written Word and adhere to our own ideas and interpret the Word wrongfully to suit ourselves? I tell you the strict adherence to God's Word with prayer and praise will bring us out and make us conqueror over the foe. I'd rather have the favors of God and be in the lions' den with His protection than to have the praise of men and be left to what may happen. God help us to stick to His Word. If we be more than conquerors through Him that loved us and gave Himself for us, we must carry out the admonition given in the Scriptures. We are exhorted to love one another daily and this love will be our final goal, I am sure.

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Daily Cross to Bear

Luke 9:23. *"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."*

We will never be able to be the men and women that God wants us to be without bearing our cross for Jesus. We will never have God's best favors as long as we shun the cross. Cross-bearing is one of the duties of Christians and in no other way can we be successful. We should not look so much on the financial side but we should remember that God has planned what He wants to take place in these last days and we just as well humbly, meekly and joyfully bear our cross. Of course, we appreciate the way God is caring for the ministry, but I wonder if it's bringing the results. It seems that everybody has plenty and God is furnishing more than is necessary in a financial way, but when victory, power and blessings fill our hearts it is when we solely depend on God. I feel that there is something ahead that will bring us to the place where we will more thoroughly depend upon God. "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will

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The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

THE SOUL NEEDS A DAILY RENEWING

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day," 2 Cor. 4:16.

The writer refers to the sufferings of the apostles. Their sufferings were overruled for the good of the churches and the glory of God. Through God's mercy they were graciously kept amid persecutions and excessive labors and privations, and being divinely strengthened they "faint not."

1. Notice "The inward man" refers to the mind or soul, that living, intellectual being which thinks, wills, desires, etc. All moral qualities and responsibilities have to do with the soul. The body—the outward man—is the abode of the "inner man." The senses and members of the body obey the supreme dictations of the soul. The inner man has its desires and necessities. It is capable of exhaustion and weakness, may be wounded or injured. It may be diseased and is exposed to spiritual death.

2. The inner man may be renewed day by day, that is, restored, invigorated, encouraged and sustained. The Christian's labors, conflicts, sufferings, and temptations produce weakness, discouragement and weariness, therefore, he needs to be renewed lest he faint and fail in the great conflict with evil.

HE NEEDS:

1. The renewing of his desires. That hunger and thirst for God and spiritual things is to be kept up. When the appetites of the soul are overcome by dullness and deadness, spiritual life will only exist feebly.

2. The renewing of our affections. That supreme love of God, His blessed life-giving Word, the means of grace and love for His ordinances and holy precepts needs to be constantly renewed.

3. Our spiritual life and power needs to be renewed—the power to resist evil, to please the Lord and to really make progress in the Christian life. This renewal must be constant, "day by day." It is thus the body is renewed day by day, and thus day by day the earth is renewed with dews and showers.

THE MANNER OF THIS RENEWING

1. It is through the channel of God's Word. "He sent his word and healed them." Psa. 107:20. And again, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thess. 4:18. "Nourished up in the words of faith and good doctrine." 1 Tim. 4:6. And once more, "These things have I written unto you . . . . . that ye may know . . . . . and that ye may believe." 1 John 5:13.

2. It is by the presence and power of the Spirit. He revives, quickens, and strengthens the child of God and girds him with power for every conflict. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

3. God renews the inner man by putting His blessing upon our service and ministry. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:31. "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord." Psa. 31:24.

Has Christ become to us such a living, bright reality that no post of duty shall be irksome; that as His witnesses we can stay at the bright home side, or go to distant service among the heathen, with hearts more than glad, more than satisfied, and perhaps more glad and more satisfied in Him when most stripped, it may be, of earthly friends and treasures—and most sad. Let us put all our treasures into His hands; then He will never need to take them from us on account of heart idolatry; and if in love and in wisdom He removes them for a time, He will leave no vacuum, but Himself fill the void, Himself wipe every tear.

Pentecost is normal Christianity. It is here that the Church is normal and finds her true level. But how largely we are subnormal. A man physically subnormal is much more susceptible to disease and succumbs to disease germs which he would easily throw off if normal. Many things give us trouble—mere trifles about position, power, and things that are not weighty or essential. These things exist because we are spiritually below the standard—we are subnormal. Will we have our troubles diagnosed and then seek the remedy?

"God does nothing but in answer to prayer," says John Wesley. Then this is a hint as to our first duty in every undertaking in life.

Young People's Corner

Jeremiah's Call

Jer. 1:1-9.

A true prophet was God's representative among men. Through the prophet God revealed Himself and carried on His work. The Word of God was the prophet's message and all that he performed was in accord with that word and message.

God often called the prophet in a miraculous way. As Moses (Ex. 3), Samuel (1 Sam. 3), Isaiah (Is. 6:1-9), Ezekiel (Ezek. 1), and others we could name.

The prophets had the divine stamp of approval upon their ministry. What was even more, they went at God's command, prophesied and taught as He directed them. Truly it was a most sacred calling to be a prophet of Jehovah.

1. In the case of Jeremiah God had chosen him before his birth for this holy calling (verse 5). In his call at this time God was merely confirming what He had done long before.

2. Jeremiah must have been a timid youth. He said to God, "Behold I cannot speak, I am a child." He is supposed to have been not less than twenty years of age at this time. No doubt, he felt very keenly the responsibility of his sacred call.

3. God's reply to Jeremiah contained an assurance of His presence and power upon his ministry. The Lord said, "Say not I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord (vs. 7, 8).

4. This promise God made good to Jeremiah, for He "put forth his hand," touched his mouth and said, "I have put my words in thy mouth." V. 9. Jeremiah's ministry gave every evidence of God's presence and blessing. God's Word was fulfilled in him and so the faithful gospel minister today, who takes the place of the prophet, may as truly expect God's blessing and approval on his ministry.

We live by faith. We eat, we sleep, we work by faith. We trust our parents and friends. We trust the bed to hold us, the chair to support us, the food to nourish us. The same faith in God that we have in people and things gives us a perfect salvation.

The person who wants to follow the Lord by sight will never follow Him at all unless he gets his spiritual eyes open so he can see the Lord by faith.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

REPORT FROM INDIA

Chengannur P. O., Travancore,
South India, Feb. 11, 1937.

Beloved Coworkers:

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever."

We held our 14th annual convention from Jan. 17-24, inclusive, on our camp ground at Kumbanad. The power and manifestation of the Holy Spirit was prevalent throughout all the meetings, and in every way it seemed one of the best and most blessed conventions we have ever held. The pandal or tabernacle was made larger than last year and was capacitated to seat six thousand people. This was packed during the last meeting and it was estimated that about two thousand people stood on the outskirts of it.

Each meeting brought forth the unexpected, so that we never knew what would follow next in ministrations. How beautifully everything works out when we allow the Holy Ghost to have the right of way. In the preparation of this convention, we had decided to invite various speakers but some of those whom we anticipated taking part disappointed us. However, the Holy Spirit sent along a Brother W. Clay, missionary under the "Go-Ye" Fellowship, Los Angeles, Calif., who also excused himself at first, but later wrote that he would come, because the Lord had spoken to his wife making her willing to part with him for a time, even though she was not well and would have to stay alone. Brother Clay's messages were spoken in three languages—English, Malayalam and Tamil, since we had about twenty-five people from the Tamil country, a new door recently opened to us by the Lord.

One night we were surprised to have Brother Burgess and Brother Yunker, missionaries of the Assemblies of God, who gave us a feast of good things. The time passed so quickly that it was 11:30 p. m. before the benediction was pronounced. Another meeting ended after midnight, so you can imagine the interest of the people since this meeting began at 7:30.

We also had a veteran Anglo-Saxon missionary, Brother Charles Cumine, who was with me when I started the work here in Travancore 23 years ago. He is now 84 years old, and it did one good to see this old veteran dance around for joy on the platform. We also had several blessed testimonies from those of the Tamil country who had dedicated themselves to the Lord's work there. During the messages, the Holy Spirit often spoke and the interpretations were given. This seemed to just fit in with what was said in the Gospel messages. The tarrying meetings which were held in the early morning were also very blessed, four receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Of these, two are from the Tamil country.

On the last day of the feast, Sunday, the meeting commenced at 10 a. m. with a baptismal service, when twenty-eight followed the Lord in baptism. It was a glorious time, and oh, what shouting and singing rent the air. The general meeting followed this service, and continued until 3:30 p. m. The mentioning of the "blood," the preparation of the saints, the Lord's soon coming and a few other points brought the power down in such copious showers that for some time it was impossible to minister. Words cannot be found to describe these times of ministrations.

Of course, the devil also was doing his part in hindering in every possible way. Our eldest and youngest sons got down with measles, and Mrs. Cook had to turn to nursing. However she could hold on in prayer although she was unable to attend many meetings. Then on Saturday night, a dear elderly missionary sister from England fell and fractured her arm near the shoulder. We could mention other onslaughts of the enemy, but JESUS IS VICTOR, and thus we prevailed. Praise God. Glory to His name.

The Tamil people were so inspired by this convention, that they at once planned an evangelistic campaign in one of their villages. After a week's rest, our general field evangelist, myself and others set out for this village which is one hundred and fifteen miles from headquarters. Just near the end of the journey we had to turn into a little village road, our destination being about two miles away. I thought that our old Ford which has been in active missionary service 11 years would go to pieces, because the road looked as if an earthquake had struck it. I believe it was only prayer that got the old car through to its destination.

After reaching the village I had to pray for myself because I have not been in contact with SUCH filth for some years. Pigs, chickens, buffaloes, oxen, dogs, vermin, and what not, were to be my companions for the next five days. Temples and idolatry were evident throughout the whole village. The Church of England Missionary Society started their work in this place over half a century ago and have about 300 communicants, but they cannot be distinguished from their heathen countrymen. Oh how deplorable!

Our first meeting was well-attended, but because of gross darkness concerning spiritual things and the darkened minds, it was very hard to deliver messages with freedom, but thank God, a number of hands went up at the invitation. I believe that Jesus found an entrance in a number of these darkened hearts. Time only will tell when the seed will sprout. In the afternoons, we made our way across a river to a little tamarind grove where we had times of exhortation and waiting upon the Lord. I am sure the hours spent there will no doubt have a lasting impression upon those who were present. These were the first meetings of this kind that the people of those parts had ever experienced.

Early Sunday morning I was asked to go round and visit the households of the believers in our fellowship, who are less than a year old spiritually. They belonged to the Church Missionary Society, but were quite ignorant of salvation. On going from house to house and meeting the different families, I was amazed to note how few of these women could tell who the Lord Jesus Christ was. However, each household dedicated itself to the Lord, and we believe that God will give the increase. A good many gave their hearts to the Lord, but spiritual instruction is highly necessary before we baptize them.

There are many other villages in this Ramnad district that are waiting for the Full Gospel, but the laborers are few. Some of the men who have come out on the Lord's side from these parts realize the need and have received the call, but they feel the need of Biblical instruction. Should the Lord tarry, we intend to have Bible classes in their vicinity in May. Four sacks of rice have already been pledged for this purpose.

I anticipate going to these parts again in July, when the heavy rains are on here in Travancore. My heartstrings pull strongly for the Tamil country. I want to see the thousands there drawn into the Full Gospel net, as I have been privileged to see in Travancore. To God shall be all the glory; great things He hath done and will do. Please pray much for this open door, that laborers, strength and finances will be forthcoming. I am sure you will not let the golden opportunity of taking an interest in this field pass by. May the Lord richly bless you is our prayer.—Your brother and co-laborer, Robert F. Cook.

Death Notices

HENSON

Brother Edwin Arnold Henson, bishop in the Church of God, was born Nov. 6, 1909, at Sylva, N. C. and departed this life March 29, 1937 at Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He was twenty-seven years, five months, and twenty-three days old. Brother Henson lived at Sylva, N. C. nine years and moved with his parents to Walhalla, S. C. where he made his home until entering the ministry of the Church of God, after which he lived in several states and the Province of Ontario, Canada, where he departed this life. Brother Henson was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. He was divinely healed of appendicitis in the home of his parents. He entered the ministry in 1930 and during his seven years of ministry he attended two years at the Church of God Bible Training School. He set several churches in order and opened new work in many places and his ministry has brought many to the Lord. On July 5, 1933 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louise Lytle of Asheville, N. C. who traveled with him as a faithful helpmate in his ministerial activities.

Brother Henson suffered much during his sickness. He was always patient and cheerful. It is hard to understand why the Lord would claim such a young man in the prime of his ministerial life, but He understands all.

His body was taken from Windsor, Ontario and laid to rest at the Church of God cemetery, the writer officiating at the funeral. Brother Henson will be greatly missed, especially by the Church of God at Windsor where he worked so faithfully. The work had increased in every department under his ministry. He had bought a church building and had just got moved into his new quarters when the Lord called him home.

I wish to state some of Brother Henson's testimonies just before his going to his reward. In his early sickness he had an attack with his heart and suddenly his face began to shine and he said he heard beautiful chimes much more beautiful than the chimes of Florida, and he shook hands with each one in the room as much as to say he would soon be going home.

A day or two later as the room seemed filled with the glory of God he said to my wife, who was helping care for him, "I am going some place." She said, "Where," and in a voice filled with consolation and assurance he said, "To a golden city—heaven."

Another time he told one of his members, Ted Thibodeau, "Stand true to Jesus, as it is a long, old road, but this is the mile that pays—the last mile of the way."

He told me one evening how the Lord had so wonderfully saved him. He asked me to sing for him. He said he felt good enough to shout and we all joined in singing, " 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus." The power came on him and he shouted and talked in tongues and gave all of us an encouraging message to press on.

While his body was racked with pain we would often hear him sing, "Don't you want to go to that land where I'm bound," and it seemed the Lord would bless him so he could hardly contain it.

From the beginning of his sickness he seemed to realize that the Lord was going to take him and bade everyone farewell just before he died. He told his wife how he appreciated her in standing by him in his work.

Our loss is heaven's gain.—Yours in His service, Paul H. Walker.

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ARTHUR

Sister Ethel (Lee) Arthur was born Nov. 6, 1883 and died April 2, 1937, at the age of fifty-three years, two months, and twenty-six days. She received the baptism of the Holy Ghost years ago and used her talents for the salvation of the lost. She was a member of the Church of God at Cleveland. She lived a life of prayer and had a close walk with God. The funeral was conducted by Brother E. J. Boehmer, assisted by Brother W. J. Milligan, her pastor, and Brother and Sister M. S. Lemons. Interment was in the Fort Hill cemetery, Cleveland, Tenn.

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KNIGHTEN

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister John Knighten Oct. 21, 1936 and claimed for its victim Betty Lovenia, born July 26, 1935. The funeral was conducted by Brother E. L. Jacobs and interment made in the Larlwood cemetery.—Miss Dorothy Bigham, Rock Hill, S. C.

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BUNDAY

Sister Rosia Bunday was born June 10, 1884 and died Nov. 25, 1935, age fifty-four years. She was filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Linwood Jacobs and interment made in Gastonia, S. C. cemetery. Pray for her children that they may be saved. —One who loved her, Mrs. R. S. Bigham, Rock Hill, S. C.

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ENIX

Cynthia Enix was born Feb. 14, 1878 and died March 20, 1937, age fifty-eight years, one month, and six days. She was saved twenty-two years ago and was a member of the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and interment made in the Leary cemetery of Middlesboro, Ky.—B. H. Enix, Middlesboro, Ky.

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WHEELER

Dave J. Wheeler departed this life March 20, 1937. He was a faithful member of the Church of God. His body was laid to rest in the Cabin Creek cemetery, Somerset, Ky.—Solomon Scalf, Somerset, Ky.

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HIXSON

On Feb. 21, 1937 Sister Lottie Hixson, wife of James Hixson, went to live with Jesus. She was thirty-four years, one month and nine days old. She had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. Our pastor, Brother Homer Johnson, and Brother J. R. Little conducted the funeral and her body was laid to rest in the Grasshopper cemetery. —One who loved her, Mrs. Lena B. McCallie, Birchwood, Tenn.

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SMITH

My mother departed this life April 2, 1937 at the age of seventy-seven years. The funeral was conducted by Brother L. L. Vaught and Brother Barton of Oakvale, W. Va.—Written by her youngest son, H. S. Smith, Box 536, Beckley, W. Va.

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HANSBERRY

Sister Ollie Hansberry, a negress, died at her home of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the Somerset, Pa. church by her pastor, H. O. Harris. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. Her body rests in Charlottesville, Va. cemetery. May God be with Brother Hansberry and children.—Her brother and sister in Jesus, Howard and Lena Swiger.

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PROCTOR

March 18, 1937 Mrs. J. R. Proctor departed this life. She was fifty-four years of age and was a faithful member of the Church of God at Nocatee, Fla. The funeral was conducted by the writer and her body laid to rest in the Oak Ridge cemetery.—J. M. Hodge, pastor, Nocatee, Fla.

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ASHER

Our little son, Joseph Asher, age nine years, went to live with Jesus after a long illness of eleven weeks. He was converted at the age of six and was a member of the Church of God. He had complete victory and trusted God for divine

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Reports

North Louisiana District Convention

The North Louisiana district convention convened at the Forest Church of God, March 18-21, inclusive. Brother Robert E. Blackwood, state overseer, was in charge. To say it was wonderful is putting it mild when we think of the beautiful songs and powerful sermons under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and the marvelous manifestation of the power of God in different ways.

Oh glory, glory, something steals over me now as I recall the happy scene. There is something about the Church of God at Forest that draws the people to service early, so accordingly delegates to the convention began to arrive Thursday morning. The convention began at 7:30 p. m. After songs and prayer and a rousing testimony service a message was brought forth by Brother S. B. Webb, pastor at Epps, on "God Will Supply Our Needs."

Brother Blackwood brought the message Friday morning on "Show the House to the House." Brother George Hemphill brought a soul-stirring message on "Duties of Pastors to Churches and Churches to Pastors." Although Friday afternoon was stormy and the roads and churchyard were flooded with water as a result of the downpour of rain, delegates continued to arrive and a steady stream of people from every direction began to pour in long before service time. The welcome address was given Friday evening by the writer. At 7:45 we were favored with a message on "Christian Responsibility" by Brother Strong of the Assemblies of God. After Friday evening Miss Iredell Walker had charge of the song services. Miss Mary Elsa Blackwood rendered valuable service at the piano assisted by Miss Odine Morse. We felt favored in having these talented young ladies for this part of the program. We were also favored with special singing from the Dunn quartet, the personnel of which is Miss Iredell Walker, Raymond Morse, Miss Evelyn Morse, and Louis Beaube.

Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock after songs and prayer we had a talk "Boost the Evangel" by T. J. McCartney. People were stirred over this message and responded by subscribing for the Evangel. At 11:00 o'clock Brother Blackwood gave us some timely instructions on the "Teachings of the Church." At 7:00 p. m. we had Y. P. E. service under the able direction of Sister Iredell Walker, state Y. P. E. assistant. The program was very impressive. At 8:00 o'clock we had an evangelistic message by Brother Homer C. Smith.

Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m. we had songs and prayer. At 10:30 a review of the work in Louisiana was given by the state overseer. A message was then given on "Missions" by Brother O. B. Myrick. This message was accompanied by shouts, sobs, tears, and prayers, and responded to by a generous offering for missions. At 2:30 p. m. we had the call of the churches. Each pastor with his delegates marched: Forest, C. C. Floyd; Mt. Zion, K. D. Beaube; Epps and Big Creek, S. B. Webb; Dunn and Holly Ridge, O. B. Myrick; Archibald and Buckner, George Hemphill; Monroe, Mava Jean Morgan. Each church seemed to have made rapid progress considering the unfavorable weather conditions and epidemic of flu and mumps that North Louisiana has undergone during the winter and early spring months. The reports were very encouraging.

Sunday night after many beautiful songs and a powerful testimony service led by Sister Walker, mother of our beloved General Overseer, a soul-stirring evangelistic message was delivered by Sister Mava Jean Morgan. The altar service which followed was very impressive.

The convention has passed but the memory lasts. We are appreciative of Brother Blackwood's family. Sister Blackwood is a very efficient worker in L. W. W. work. The beautiful songs that were sung by Mary Elsa, Bob and Kathryn were enjoyed by all. Many other interesting features of the convention which space will not allow are still treasured memories. Each speaker did his best.—Thelma Floyd, Oak Grove, La.

Sunday School Convention Held at Olustee, Fla.

The Sunday School convention for the Jacksonville district met with the Church of God at Olustee, Fla. on Feb. 28. The program of the day was started with songs and prayer by the congregation after which Brother D. W. Mills, local pastor, gave the welcome address. Response was made by Brothers Kenneth Centers, Charley Crews, A. C. Dowling, and Ralph Williams. During the morning service special songs were rendered. Sister Louise Godwin of Lake City gave us a most inspiring talk. We hope everyone realizes the value of Sunday School and how indispensable one is to a church. Brother Baldree of Macclenny gave an address on "Losses Sustained by not having a Sunday School" and we realize it is so. Our state Sunday School superintendent, Brother T. W. Godwin, talked to us on "How to Teach a Sunday School Class" which I'm sure was timely admonition as we wish to grow in knowledge and grace. After this sermon dinner was spread and much enjoyed by all.

The afternoon service opened with song and prayer after which we listened to the report of the district work by Brother Paul Taylor. We had more special singing. Brother Carl Godwin of Lake City brought a message. The Sunday Schools then made their reports, Lake City having with her the state Sunday School banner this month. After this short talks were made by various ones, among them Brother Virgil Combs of Largo. We were surely glad to have all of these visitors with us and want them to come again.—Yours in Christ, Laura Chasteen.

Lord Blessed at Reamstown, Pennsylvania

REAMSTOWN, Pa.—We feel it will be to the glory of God to mention some of the things the Lord has done for us here at Reamstown, Pa., for He surely has blessed us in a marvelous way.

Going back in 1929, before there was a Church of God here at Reamstown, the Lord began to pour out this wonderful blessing on a certain denomination in this community. Soon a few precious saints were baptized with the precious Holy Ghost. The head of this denomination harkened to the voice of Satan and the battle was soon on. Soon a few more received this wonderful blessing. Feeling and realizing that something must be done in order to stay in the Lord's will, we took the Bible way of 2 Tim. 3:5, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof, from such turn away. We then worshipped in a little chapel east of Reamstown for a number of years.

The Lord blessed us in a most wonderful way. The community was stirred by the Holy Ghost and we had to leave this place of worship. We went to the saints' homes for services for a short time, praying that the Lord would open a place for us wherein we could worship Him. He surely answered prayer.

On Feb. 10, 1934 an old church building was sold on public sale in this village of Reamstown, belonging to the Evangelical Congregational. This was bought by the writer. We took possession of this place on July 4. We had an all-day meeting. At this time we had a Church of God preacher and oh, how the good Lord did bless us from time to time in this old building. After spending much time in prayer the Lord proved to us that what we needed was government.

We had Brother Blankenship, state overseer of Pennsylvania, preach to us on "The Church of God" in November, 1934. Then again on "The Church of

God Government" in April, 1935. After having different holiness ministers preach to us, we decided to set ourselves in order. We decided to cast our lot with the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

Brother Paul Baughman came and gave us a revival in May and set the church in order with six members. He was later chosen as our pastor. We are now in order and intend to stay in order with the Church.

July 4 we had an all-day annual meeting, Brother Baughman in charge. Different preachers were present and delivered timely messages. The saints who attended were made to rejoice in a Savior's love.

We are going on with the Lord. From May 11, 1935 to Jan. 19, 1936 four more were added to the church. Brother and Sister Paul P. Carpenter took charge of this place then and oh, how the Lord did bless us together. We had some of the most wonderful times that can be had on God's beautiful earth.

We had no Sunday School up to this time. Brother and Sister Carpenter got on the firing line and we co-operated with them and a Sunday School was organized on Feb. 16 with twenty-three members. We are still growing larger. We are getting along fine in our Sunday School. All officers and teachers are filled with the Holy Ghost. Oh, how the Lord does bless us.

On May 11, 1936, exactly one year from the day the church was set in order, we bought this old church building. We co-operated with our pastor and started to remodel this building. A new roof was put on and it was painted on the outside. The interior was also remodeled. We surely praise Brother and Sister Carpenter for they worked hard. Brother Carpenter has not only the name as a Carpenter but worked hard with the carpenters on the roof and everywhere.

On July 4 an all-day meeting took place once more but in our new church. Our dear state overseer, Brother C. H. Blankenship, gave this new church building to our Lord and He blessed us in a wonderful way in return. Now we have a fine church building, one of the best in the state, I am safe to say. There is no mortgage on it. Praise God! We are not so many in number but hope through the grace of God to increase. We want to have a revival in the near future, so pray everywhere that the Lord may save, sanctify and baptize with the Holy Ghost and add to the Church of God.

We are very glad for the privilege of speaking in behalf of our C. of G. Y. P. E. On Dec. 29, 1936 a C. of G. Y. P. E. was organized with some fifty members. Sister Carpenter was appointed president of the organization. We have found the young people's services a great help to the church. We appreciate the help of Brother and Sister Carpenter in these meetings.

We ask each one to pray for us, for there are many souls here who need Jesus in their lives. We want to do our best. Probably we can do something that will cause some to turn and come to Jesus and His precious Church. We earnestly covet your prayers that we may journey safely to the marriage supper.—George Ditzler, clerk, Reamstown, Pa.

Mission Became a Church

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The mission at East Lake is no longer a mission but is a Church of God. Thanks be unto God for hearing and answering prayer. I thank everyone of you who have prayed a prayer for us at East Lake and have helped us in any way. If there is anyone who reads this and is having a hard battle, just hold on to God and obey Him and He will give the victory. Bless His name. The old saying, The darkest hour is just before day, certainly did seem true with us.

This place has been on my heart for some time and you know I feel so much better this Monday because God has answered prayer. The enemy made things look very bad last week but God gave the victory. Most of you surely must have prayed for our request that was in the Evangel last week because the Lord gave us such a wonderful service Saturday night and sent us such a good Spirit-filled helper.

The Henderson sisters from Boylston did some fine singing and the Lord blessed in a great way in the testimony service. Brother L. W. Ledbetter of Fosters Chapel Church of God led the testimony service. Brother Ledbetter and three of his members I think drove fifty-five miles to be with us in this service. Brother Gallups of Pratt City was with us, also another preacher, Brother Spence, was with us. Brother Crumpton closed out his part of our revival by preaching a wonderful sermon on "The Church." Brother Crumpton is a fine preacher and we love him and want him to come back sometime.

Sunday the Lord's presence was with us in Sunday School and Brother Gallups preached a fine sermon on "Fellowship." Sunday night he set the church in order. Thanks be to God. Brother L. W. Ledbetter is running our meeting this week. Neighboring churches, come over and help us. Pray more than ever for our church at East Lake.—H. L. Kitchens, pastor, 6504 3rd Ave., S.

Report of Work in Iowa

Probably it will be of some interest to the Evangel readers to hear how the Lord is blessing in Iowa. Last month we were in a meeting at Red Oak. There the church had gone down, they had had no services for several months. The Lord gave us a good harvest, the church was revived, several prayed through to victory, and four new members were added to the church. Now they have a regular pastor and the work is moving on nicely.

From there we pitched a battle in Council Bluff. There we rented a large Pentecostal church. This is the fourth week of the meeting. God is surely blessing. To date there have been about twelve saved, all grown folks. The altar is filled every night. Five were saved Sunday night and thirteen have been added to the church. Among this number were a fine preacher and his wife. We are expecting God to make this a strong, self-supporting church. Pray for the work in Iowa, we have numbers of good prospects for work in this state.—Your brother in His service, J. L. Goins, overseer, Iowa, 1211 W. Lowell Ave., Shenandoah, Iowa.

He is the Joy of Our Salvation

MAN, W. Va.—I really praise God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with heaven's good Holy Ghost. He is a real, live Holy Ghost, one who reveals secrets, brings to our remembrance the things that Jesus said. He, the Holy Ghost, teaches us the things that God wants us to do. He is the joy of our salvation, a well of water springing up into everlasting life. Oh hallelujah, I am so glad for Him.

I praise Him for the three weeks' revival at the Church of God at Mallory, W. Va. with Sister Barr of Pine Grove in charge. Eleven were saved, eight sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost.

I praise God for our pastor, Brother Carl C. Campbell, and his wife. We feel they are real children of God. Our church is much improved but there is still room for improvement, which, I feel, Brother Campbell is striving for.

Please pray for the success of the Church of God at Mallory. This is indeed a hard place, nevertheless it is a good location, being between two coal camps. Please pray that God will give victory in this place at any cost. The people in coal camps seem to be unconcerned about their souls and it is hard to get them saved. Pray that God will work in this place.—A sister under the blood, Rinda Ramey.

We Need to Pray for Each Other

ATLANTA, Ga.—Dear Evangel family, I praise the Lord for healing my body last summer. I was not able to do my house work for several weeks and was advised to have a doctor, but I told them I knew the Lord had the power to heal me and if He didn't a doctor couldn't. I feel so thankful I was able to trust Him and really know that He healed me. I also praise Him for His many blessings to me and for the desire I have to serve Him in a way that is acceptable to Him.

Dear saints, please pray for me that I will be a real overcomer and measure up to God's Word. It means so much in these last days to be able to always do that. We need to pray much for each other that we will be able to stand and stay close to the Lord when hard trials and tests come. I think God's children feel that the testing time is here and I thank the Lord for His many great promises. If we will stand on them I know He is able to come to our rescue. Please prav that I will be faithful and always be able to trust Him and be ready when He comes or calls. I also have an unspoken request for prayer.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. L. H. Rickerson, 1022 State St.

Denver, Colo. Gives Encouraging Report

DENVER, Colo.—Dear Evangel family, we praise the Lord for the Church of God and the wonderful light being brought to Denver of regeneration, sanctification and the Holy Ghost. Truly the Lord has been good to us in giving a definite call to Sister Goldie Banks for Denver.

Surely God directed in this work and is blessing in the meetings being held by Sister Banks and her coworker, Sister Pearl Auten. The old-fashioned meetings are being filled with the power of God and almost every meeting God comes in a mighty way to bless and refill His people. Thank God, there is a shout in the camp. The Lord has been wonderfully rebuilding our faith and establishing a real work of God in our midst.

My heart has often hungered for a place where God's people could come together in the unity of the Spirit, and thank God, we have found it because of sound Bible doctrine, not bound by man but by the Word of God, for there is freedom of the Spirit here.

Sister Banks is truly a devoted, consecrated, sanctified, Spirit-filled leader, being led by the Spirit, and He directs and fills because of that real giving way to Him.

The Y. P. E. is well attended by the young folks of the church under the leadership of Sister Pearl Auten and most of the young folks give inspiring testimonies. The meetings are growing in attendance. Many ministers have been coming from time to time, and truly most of them say the metings here are the most spiritual in Denver.

On Sunday morning, March 21, our state overseer, Brother John E. Douglas, started a meeting with us. Brother Douglas gave an inspiring message under the anointing last night which caused a real shout in the camp. We look for real results at this meeting for truly Brother Douglas is a powerful Spirit-filled messenger of God. With Brother Douglas are Brother Harry Kutz and his wife, who sing and play under the anointing and are truly a blessing in the meetings. Pray for us and this revival that God will reach many souls. We extend invitations to God's people to visit us, corner 8th Avenue and Lipan St., Denver, Colo. —John E. West, prison evangelist.

We Find it a Happy Way

CROPWELL, Ala.—We surely praise God for what He is to us. We praise Him for salvation. Praise His dear name. We both were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost about ten months ago and three months later we were added to the dear old Church of God. We find it a happy way. Hallelujah! Thank God for making our home a home of prayer.

We thank God for His great healing power. He has healed in our home several times. We have learned to trust Him with both soul and body. Praise God. We can never thank Him enough for what He is to us.

Saints everywhere, please pray for us and our little church here. Also pray for our leader, Sister Ball, that she will be able to give out the Word to save poor lost souls. She is so good and true to our little church.—William and Ellen Harmon, Coosa Valley church.

Prayed the Prayer of Faith

PARNELL, Ky.—I am so glad Jesus can heal today just as He did when He walked the shore of Galilee and healed all manner of disease. All you need to do is just trust Him and get where you can touch the hem of His garment.

I took pneumonia and I was so sick no one thought I could live. My mother requested prayer from every place she knew and folks surely prayed the prayer of faith for me. I am just eight years old but I surely do believe in trusting Jesus. I have never taken a dose of anything in the way of medicine in my life. I surely suffered, my head rose and my ears ran for days. The doctor happened to come in at our place while I was so sick and he examined me to see if I had pneumonia in both sides. He said, "Sister, if you don't take something you can't live." I told him my faith was in Jesus and I surely wouldn't take a thing.

The fever began to break the seventh day and I began to get a little relief. How I did thank the Lord. Now I am up and feeling fine. I shall never forget how good the Lord was to just let me live. I want to always live for Him. I want to get the sweet Holy Ghost, so all pray for me.—Maxine Blevins.

He Has Kept Me

Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I thank the dear Lord for the way He has blessed me, He has kept me through these many years until now I am so glad that I ever learned to love Him. I thank Him for being saved, sanctified through the blood, filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name. He is all in all to me. I belong to the great Church of God. Many people don't like this way but I love the Church with all my heart though my best friends have turned their backs on me, my near kinfolks have turned away, but brother, sister, Jesus will never turn from us. Thank God for His Word. I ask all who read this to please pray for me.

I am open for calls, I am an evangelist in the Church of God.—Your brother in Christ, E. M. Horne, 922 Wellington Ave., South Norfolk, Va.

Revival

McCOLL, S. C.—We have just closed a successful revival. It was said by several to be the best held here in sometime. The Lord did truly bless in our midst. Brother M. G. Quinton of Laurens, S. C. did the preaching, he preached straight from the shoulder and the people liked it too. He made many friends while here and was a blessing to the church. Eleven were saved, ten sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church.

The work here is progressing nicely, our Sunday School is on the increase. To say the Lord is blessing would be putting it mild. At times the Holy Ghost takes complete charge and there is a shout in the camp. The McColl church is headed for the mountain peak, come over and see our zeal for the Lord. We were blessed to have with us during part of the meeting Brother and Sister W. H. Horton of Union, South Carolina and our esteemed district overseer, Clyde C. Cox. Pray for us.—John D. Carter, pastor.

The person who seeks for truth humbly, sincerely, and prayerfully, will find it, but may have to discard some error to make room for it.

Self-Justification via Shifted Responsibility

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much. Eph. 6:13 says, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." This signifies that when we have done all we can do, just plant our feet, so to speak, and stand.

A very sad picture of the consequence of our subject is found in 1 Sam. 15 where Saul, after a noble and courageous career, was anointed king by Samuel. With his coronation came the command to go up and destroy the Amalekites and all their possessions. Instead of obeying in detail he spared the best of the flocks and Agag, but as is recorded in the Holy Writ, "Be sure your sins will find you out," it so happened that old faithful, prayerful Samuel detected the lowing of the cattle and the bleating of the sheep and when Saul came running out declaring that he had done even as the Lord h a d commanded, Samuel answered, "What meaneth then the bleating of the sheep?" Saul began to make excuses, saying that THE PEOPLE spared the best of the flocks for a sacrifice unto the Lord. But was Samuel satisfied with this explanation? Nay! for we hear him answer, "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams." For this one act of disobedience, although shifted onto the people, Saul received his just recompense of reward and was immediately dethroned. When we take things into our own hands, striving to please both people and God we will find ourselves in the middle of a bad fix. Above all things, strive to please God, let it please whom it may.

I heard of an evangelist once who stood boldly for sanctification as a second definite work of grace. God marvelously blessed her labors. In the course of time she began to leave off that most important teaching. Her reason for so doing, as expressed by her, was that she could win more souls for God if she did not preach it. In a few years her hitherto fruitful ministry became a reproach to the way of the cross.

It does not always necessitate actions or words to manifest Pilate's spirit. Oftentimes our silence places us there. If a brother in the Lord is being bemeaned by some one and we stand silently by, never lifting our voices or wielding our influence in their defense when we know them to be innocent, but rather than "to kick against the prick" as it were by our silence consent to their crucifixion, are we not also guilty?

I have often thought of the grand and noble calling of our ministry and those in authority and the great responsibility which rests upon each. It behooves us as the body of Christ to seek God in their behalf that they will ever keep the interest of the work of God uppermost in their minds, letting neither position, church prestige, human sympathy or any such thing cause them to fail to perform such duties which rest upon each respectively.

It is so easy, if viewed from a natural standpoint, to push the hard things off on the other fellow. Or if we feel that another year our field of labor will be changed, just lose interest to a certain extent, not earnestly striving to carry out our part of the program as near as possible up to the time our duty expires. I am sure if we have the interest of the work at heart we will want to leave things in as prosperous condition as possible and it will be the delight of our hearts to hear of the work progressing after it has been changed into the hands of another, with a hearty "God bless you," coupled with a desire to see **every man stand at his post discharging** his duty with a heart full of love.

God Blessing in Rome

ROME, Ga.—We praise the Lord for the good revival conducted by Brothers Shelton Brock and George Langsford. We had a wonderful revival. We thank God for these young men who have started out for God. Many were saved, eight sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, nineteen added to the church, and twenty-three baptized in water. They left the altar full of seekers. We also had Sisters Myrtle Whitehead and Pauline Jackson Tuesday night.

I thank the Lord for healing me of rheumatism while they were here. Thank the dear Lord. I thank God my heart is fixed tonight and I am in the great Church of God.

We also thank God for our good pastor, Brother W. H. Black. God is blessing his efforts here. We are praying that God will send him back to Rome next year. We also feel that God is not through with Brother Brock here in Rome. There are so many in the altar seeking the Lord. We really know the Lord is coming soon and He is getting His Bride ready.

Please help me pray for these young men who conducted these services that they may stay under the drippings of Jesus' blood. Pray that God will bless my home and save my children before it is too late.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. C. S. Richards, 510 E. 3rd St.

EDITORIALS

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lose his life for my sake shall save it." It seems that no persecution is especially befalling our people now and the world is beginning to recognize and favor the baptized, Spirit-filled people. But when we honor God like we should and preach His Word like we should preach it, the enemy of all righteousness will rise up and oppose us. So, come on, and let us bear our cross and be true to the trust committed to us.

BROADCASTS

Each Sunday Afternoon from 3:45 to 4:30 E. S. T. Greenville S. C. Operates on 1300 Kilocycles Earl Paulk, Pastor

Each Sunday from 5:00 to 5:30 p. m. Eastern Standard Time Wilmington, N. C., WMFD 1370 Kilocycles H. T. Durden, Pastor

Thursday, 5:00-5:30 p. m. WWNC Sponsored by A. V. Childers, Pastor, Biltmore, N. C. D. B. Yow, Pastor, W. Asheville, N. C.

Harrisburg, Ill., WEBQ 1210 Kilocycles Monday, 3:00 to 3:45 p. m. J. R. Thomas, Overseer

Charlotte, N. C., WSOC 1210 Kilocycles Sunday, 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 3:15 p.m. W. T. Nelson, Pastor

KGDE Fergus Falls, Minn. Tuesday & Thursday, 11 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday 11:00 to 11:45 a. m. 1200 kilocycles H. L. Ramsey and party

Anderson, S. C., WAIM 2:00 p. m. to 2:45 p. m. Each Saturday J. C. Childers, Pastor

WIS, Columbia, S. C., 560 Kilocycles Each Sunday, 8:30 a. m. to 9:00 a. m. C. W. Dempsey, Pastor

Each Saturday Afternoon 2:00-2:30 WNOX 1010 Kilocycles Knoxville, Tennessee R. E. Hamilton and G. W. Hodges

Each Saturday at 3:45 C. of G. Y. P. E. String Band Cumberland, Maryland W. I. Bass, Pastor, Bayard, W. Va.

Pratt City, Ala., WAPI 1140 Kilocycles Each weekday morning. 6:40-7:15 M. D. Harwood, Pastor

WSAZ Huntington, W. Va. 1190 kilocycles Each Wednesday from 4 to 4:30 p. m. M. M. Mortenson, pastor

WOPI Bristol, Tenn. Each Saturday from 7:30 to 8:00 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, 1500 kilocycles R. C. Cook, pastor

WATL Atlanta, Ga. Each Sunday 3:45 to 4:15 p. m. Central Standard Time 1370 kilocycles To be increased soon to 500 watts U. D. Tidwell, pastor

Requests

Pray for the healing of my wife. Her health has been failing over a year. She is confined to her bed. We are trusting God.—Wm. J. Scruggs, Rt. 5, Gloster, Miss.

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Please pray for my husband who is in the Government Hospital in Waco, Tex. Pray for his soul and body. If there is a minister or member near who can go to see him, please do so. Visiting days are Tuesday and Thursday. I am so far away I am not financially able to visit him myself. Pray for God to heal my body, also my fourteen-year-old girl.—Mrs. Willie Jarris, Sumiton, Ala.

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I ask all praying people to pray for my mother. She has leakage of the heart.—Fred McWhorter, Heflin, Ala.

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Pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I have stomach trouble and high blood pressure. Pray for my grandmother who is afflicted in body.—Mrs. Belle Biggs, Rt. 1, Box 108, Erwin,Tenn.

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I ask an interest in the prayers of the saints for the healing of my body. I am suffering with stomach trouble.—Edith Parker, Eckman, W. Va.

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We need your prayers at this place. We have no church building here. Pray for a sister who got saved recently. Pray for her unsaved husband and father who are against her. Pray that my seventy-three-old father will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Lena Reid, Crowder, Miss.

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Pray for me and my husband. He is in the hospital with one of his eyes hurt badly. I'm nervous and not able to do my work. I also have two unspoken requests. I would like to hear from Sister Maggie Scruggs. — Grace Corn, Slatyfork, W. Va.

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As this is a new field and we are few in number, please remember us in prayer. We hope to get a church set in order here this summer.—Belton Duncan, c/o Cotton Mill, Starkville, Miss.

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I ask that you pray for my brother and brother-in-law to be saved. Pray for my sister and me to be sanctified. This is important. We really need prayer. Pray that we will get to be in some good Holy Ghost meetings. — Mrs. Margie Franklin, Rt. 1, Mt. Airy, Ga.

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Pray for the revival at Wadesboro, N. C.—Mrs. Fred L. Davis, 35 Sikes Ave.

Pray that my mother will get stronger in the Lord, also pray for my brother, sisters, and children. Pray for a certain Baptist preacher to receive light on the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Paul Franklin, Rt. 4, Clarkesville, Ga.

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Pray that God will bless my home and bring my girls back who have lost interest. Pray for our church.—J. H. Irby, Oak Grove, La., Rt. 3.

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Dear saints, don't forget to pray for me. I want the full blessing and to really be an overcomer. — Mrs. Sadie Peak, Pocahontas, Tenn.

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Please pray for my eyes and ears to be healed.—Mrs. Abbie Chick, Tallahassee, Fla.

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Pray for my husband to be healed of a very bad cough.—Mrs. Joe Smith, Savage, Miss.

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Pray for a friend who has been in bed for three years and six months. Fast at least one day, if you feel led. Pray that she will get sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost. She would be glad to get old Evangels and an anointed handkerchief. She is Mrs. Joe Charles, Turnerville, Ga.

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Pray for us as we are in a revival at Barboursville, Ky. Pray that God will heal me of a double rupture. Pray for my wife to be healed. She has been suffering for years. Pray for our daughter.—C. R. Ford, Rt. 1, Box 116, Middlesboro, Ky.

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Pray for God to help me meet conditions to receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my head and tonsils to be healed. My husband is a backslider and needs prayer. I also have an unspoken request.—Linda Carnes, Cawood, Ky.

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Please pray for me to be healed as I have been suffering with my back a long time. Husband is out of work and we have six children. Pray for us. Pray for my mother who has high blood pressure. Pray for our revival.—Mrs. M. M. White, No. 2 Spofford, Wilmington, N. C.

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Pray a special prayer for my little grandson who has his arm broken in the elbow. Pray for his father and mother to be saved. Pray for the church at Ludville. We need prayer so much. We are just a few trying to hold up the work. —J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Jasper, Ga.

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I am suffering with what seems to be gallstones. Pray for me.—Maude M. Largin, 113 Montgomery St., Milford, Del.

Pray earnestly for two unsaved souls near me in whom I am very interested. —Miss Louise Reaves, 1133 East Milton St., Hazel Park, Mich.

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God healed me of asthma and I believe He will heal me of pellagra and indigestion. Pray for me. I thank Sister White, Emory, Texas for the anointed cloth, and the sister from Sarasota, Fla. for the anointed handkerchief sent mother. Pray that God will send us a preacher to Hickory Creek, one who is filled with the Holy Ghost and trusts the Lord.—Hattie Stubblefield, Rt. 1, Kennard, Tex.

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Pray for two unspoken requests.—Bertha Hugendubler, 1346 Derry Rd., Hershey, Pa., No. 1.

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Pray for a boy who has had a stroke of paralysis. Pray for our meeting to be begun in a new place.—Mrs. C. L. Waldron, Box 208, Port Arthur, Texas.

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I ask every Christian to please pray earnestly for God to save my grandfather's soul. He is in the hospital in a serious condition. I would be glad that some would fast and pray about this. Please pray that God will bless the radio program. Pray for our church at East Lake, Ala.—H. L. Kitchen, pastor.

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I have an unspoken request which I want every child of God to pray for.—A sister in Christ, Pauline Phillips, Lisle, Ky.

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I have had my home burned, losing all my earthly possessions and a little two-year-old nephew. Please pray that God will have His way with me. The Lord has surely blessed me in praying for the sick. I have a dear sister in Christ who is here with me and we will be glad to pray for anyone who is sick and will believe the Lord heals. Please pray for Nokomis as it is a hard place. Anyone who is led this way to preach for us will be gladly received. We have bought and paid for a church lot and ask you to pray that God will give us a building.—A sister, Mrs. Sula Boone, Nokomis, Fla.

Wonderfully Healed

CLARKSDALE, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise God for His goodness and mercy to me. I am glad to tell all the people who prayed for me how wonderfully I was healed of stomach trouble, which I had suffered with for eighteen months. Please pray that I will stand true and do His will.—Alvie Morgan.

The person who does not like for the preacher to preach on gospel giving usually has a cheap religion and wants to keep it.

No Effort or Prayer Will Be Lost

SAVAGE, Miss.—Dear readers, I can't praise my Savior enough for what He means to me. He saved, sanctified, filled me with His Spirit and united me with the dear Church of God. He spoke from sweet heaven to me, unworthy as I am, and told me the end of time was nigh at hand and bade me work to save these lost souls. He told me to build an arbor where the people might be saved. I went to work. Some of them laughed and said, "You can't build it." I cut the first eight poles and prayed until God sent me help. We built it.

Then I wondered what preacher God would want. He bade me send for the holiness, which I did, the enemy trying to close it. It was a twenty-five-dollar fine to carry children out and people were telling me every day to close it. I told them we would have to trust God. We ran it on, I prayed day and night for God to let the meeting go on and it did. God had it built for His own use. It was built on the rock and nothing can stop it. The revival was closed by the preachers and not a soul saved. Several were under conviction and some were in the altar trying to pray through. It was a sad sight and I felt like it was tearing my heart out, for God called me to rescue these people and had me build a place. These preachers were pastoring another place and had to go to begin another meeting.

I haven't anyone to help me here. I feel like leaving here but God won't let me go. It is a hard path to travel with no help. The preachers who preached here last year promised to preach for me this year but they don't have time to preach here, for they have set a church in order at another place and have to preach over there, and when they can't go they send some one in their place. Not one sermon do they have time to give us. This little song just fits in with my work, just one verse of it I give here:

Work for souls that must live through eternity's years,
Toil for Jesus and count not the cost;
Joy will come to repay all your struggles and tears,
And no effort or prayer will be lost.

I cordially invite any Church of God minister or worker in my home to preach for our little Mt. Olivet community. We have been disappointed so much looking, hoping, and praying for a preacher, but it seems the devil is working too.

Brother Charles Kendall, Brother Cole and Sister Ruth, Brother Webster and Brother Roberts somewhere in the delta, you have friends up here. Come to my home and preach for us and meet some of your old friends. I feel God is going to give us a harvest of souls here this year. Anybody is welcome.

Drop me a card when you come so I can give out the service. Pray for me to always be in the Lord's will and pray the Lord to heal my body. He knows how I suffer. Pray that He will give me the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Pray for my husband to be healed and sanctified. God knows our affliction. I'm trusting Him. Also pray for God to send a preacher, and pray that souls will be saved and that He will give us a revival and a church.—Yours for the Master, Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Oldest Church of God in New Mexico

MELROSE, N. Mex.—We are going over the top for Jesus and have a determination to go on. I understand Brother M. E. Drake and helpers came to Melrose probably in 1928 and held the first revival. Souls were saved and a Church of God was set in order. Sister Josephine Walker came along preaching holiness and souls were saved, including myself. Many have preached here and hard the battle was. At times we almost gave up, but would remember the words of the Lord, "It is not my will that any should perish." Many moved away and left about three of us here. At that time our state overseer, Brother Drake, would write or visit and give us encouraging words of being faithful. Oh glory, how uplifting it was to journey on.

Brother Lem Cardwell came in and was our pastor about two years. He toiled and worked faithfully for which we are thankful.

Brother Mitchell, our pastor, and his wife are greatly encouraged with the Melrose church as Brother Fred Cummins and wife from Shelburn, Ind. have not held the meeting but, praise God, they have turned it loose. He truly preached the Word and people were seen weeping and falling into the altar. Conviction was so strong. There was shouting and dancing over souls coming through. The Word of God went forth with power. Surely God is with Brother Cummins. We had the best interest and best revival since 1929. The brother and his wife have many friends in the West where we need them to help rescue souls. We were sorry they had to go back as he surely trims you and hammers on sin. Sinners also are looking forward to their coming back. May God bless them in throwing out the life line in Melrose.

Brother and Sister H. C. Lonis from the Assembly of God at Portales, N. Mex. rendered the music and special singing which was enjoyed by all and a great help in this revival, also the Melrose quartet sang specials and helped in the song service one night. We surely enjoyed their singing and they in return enjoyed the good preaching by Brother Cummins.

Let's press on for higher grounds, looking for a great harvest of souls in New Mexico. Our state overseer, Brother Douglas, is truly moving on for God and gives us a go ye spirit. Nine were saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost in this two weeks' revival and many are still under conviction.—Mrs. G. S. Phillips, clerk.

Revival

HAZARD, Ky.—We have just closed a wonderful revival in the Blue Grass church at Hazard, Ky. conducted by Brother D. C. Rayhill. Five were filled with the Holy Ghost, five sanctified, and nine saved, for which we praise the Lord. The Lord blessed wonderfully and gave us such a good evangelist. Many messages and interpretations were given.

We have a wonderful Y. P. E., everyone is interested. Our pastor is a very good man of God. Please pray for him and the church that we might have a successful year for the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Clarence Keith.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Colored General Assembly—April 12-18, Jacksonville, Fla.
South Carolina ..... April 29-May 2
North Carolina (Charlotte)—May 12-15
Alabama ..... May 6-9
Indiana (Shelburn) ..... May 20-23
Ohio ..... May 28-31
Florida (Wimauma) Camp Meeting June 3-13; Convention June 9-11.
Tennessee ..... June 11-13
Virginia (during camp meeting) June 16-17.
West Virginia ..... June 18-20
Michigan ..... June 25-27
Pennsylvania (Somerset) June 30-July 4
Northwest (Minot), N. Dak., S. Dak., Wyo., Minn., Wis., Mont., Western Canada, camp meeting July 1-11; convention July 8-11.
Kentucky (Somerset) ..... Aug. 20-22
Missouri ..... Aug. 27-29
Maine (Appleton) New England States, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., R. I., and Conn.—Sept. 1-5.
New York ..... Sept. 7-8
District of Columbia ..... Sept. 9
Oklahoma ..... July 9-11
Mississippi ..... July 16-18
Arkansas ..... Aug. 13-15
Montana (Bigtimber) ..... June 17-20
Iowa and Nebraska ..... July 13-15
Kansas ..... July 16-18
Illinois ..... July 20-22
Maryland ..... July 23-25
Georgia (Macon) ..... July 27-29
Louisiana ..... July 30-Aug. 1
Texas (Weatherford) ..... Aug. 5-8

The Dispensation of Promise

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over the wall. After their return and report, they removed from Shittim and came to Jordan. Joshua commanded the priests saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people." As the priests bearing the ark, stepped into the waters the waters parted and they passed over in front of the people into the midst of Jordan and there stood until all the people had passed over. The Lord told Joshua to take him twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan and take them over with him.

Joshua was very successful in his attacks on the inhabitants of the land. We all know the story of how the Jericho walls fell down, but there was one battle that went against him, the conquest at Ai, and as he attacked these people they overpowered them. Joshua went back in the camp to pray and God showed him there was sin in the camp. Achan had hid the golden wedge and the Babylonian garment and God commanded Joshua to stone him and all his family. This was an awful penalty for sin but it showed God's disapproval of dishonesty and untruthfulness.

One mistake that God's people made, they failed to carry out fully the instructions given them by Joshua concerning the inhabitants and their different allotments. All fought together until the entire land was conquered, but they left a few drawers of water and hewers of wood on some of the best of the land and they multiplied and finally gave them trouble. This is the case of those who fail to consecrate and put out of their lives everything that hinders.

After the land was divided among the tribes God had Joshua to appoint them cities of refuge. This was to protect the people from mob violence, or for the protection of slayers of mankind. They could run to the city and be protected until they could have a trial. Joshua at this time was old and stricken in years and he gathered all the people together and gave them commands as God had commanded him. The 24th chapter of Joshua gives a beautiful account of Joshua's command to the people. After Joshua's death the people cried unto the Lord and said, "Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?" And Judah was selected and he went up and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand. All these wars and troubles were the result of Israel's incomplete obedience and the Lord refused to drive out many of the heathen tribes that rebelled, because of their failure. Here we find the children of Israel intermarrying with these heathen tribes and this incurred the anger of God. After Joshua Othniel was the first judge. Under his rule the children of Israel did evil. Ehud was second judge. All these judges were appointed directly by the Lord as those in charge cried to Him. All through the history of the judges the children of Israel continued their apostasy, failing to observe the laws of God and keep in touch with Him. Gideon was the sixth judge and he was a true man of God and fought a victorious battle. Many of the enemies were slain and many of the altars of Baal were cast down.

Finally the people began to cry unto God to be like other folks. They asked God to give them a king. This was in the days of Samuel. The record shows that Samuel was one of the most consecrated servants of God. Never did he oppress the people. The Book of Samuel, which gives the personal history of Samuel, the last judge, is one of the most interesting books of the Bible. It gives a complete history of his life and of how he dealt with the people, the selection and anointing of the first king and this king was Saul, also how Saul failed God in not carrying out His plan when He had told them to destroy the Amalekites, he brought back Agag the king and the best of the sheep and oxen for sacrifice. God rejected Saul. The selection of a king was the first departure from theocracy, government directed by the Lord through His servants. After God's rejection of Saul, David was anointed by Samuel as king.

We find in Acts 13:17-20 that God brought these people out of Egyptian bondage. He exalted them and dwelt among them and when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He divided the land to them by lot and gave them judges about the space of 450 years until Samuel the prophet, and afterwards they desired a king and God gave them Saul, the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, and when He had removed him He raised up David. No doubt we have all read the history of Saul's anger and jealousy in trying to slay David, how God finally established David on the throne. It is said that the Lord gave the children of Israel the desire of their heart but He sent leanness in their souls. God was still merciful and dwelt with His people and many times they were taken captive. Occasionally God's mercy was extended and they returned to their homeland. They finally became subject to Rome and at the birth of Christ when they should have been close to God and able to discern and to also understand the prophecies concerning their deliverance, they abruptly turned Him down and crucified the Son of God. This is a sad condition for Israel, to reject their long-looked-for Messiah. That was an awful day when they cried, "Crucify him." And it was at their yearly feasts when all of the people were gathered from all over the country.

You have read the story of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, how the dark clouds hung over Jerusalem, the rocks were rent and many graves were opened. Here we have a dark picture of the closing of the Dispensation of Law. Under this dispensation the obligation was that they should sacrifice the best of their flocks to the Lord, give Him the tenth of all their income, and they were also commanded to be holy. Eph. 1:3, 4; 1 Peter 1:15-19. Peter is here using the exact words of the Lord Himself when He spoke to Moses and told him that He was coming down to visit the people. Lev. 11:44, "For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepth upon the earth." If you notice, this word is spelled h-o-l-y and it means to be holy like God is holy. Lev. 20:7, "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God." This proves beyond all shadow of a doubt that the Lord intends for His people to be holy like He is holy. We can be just as holy as our example, therefore, in all God's dealings with His people He commanded them to be holy.

In Luke 1:73-75, "The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." This means in this life, and this was the oath that God gave Abraham. It carries through the entire Bible that holiness is the standard. Heb. 12:14, "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." 1 Thess. 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." This is spelled w-h-o-l-l-y which means entirely wholly—spirit, soul, and body. We feel that there is no warrant in the Scriptures for anything except a holy, consecrated life in all this dispensation.

The man who defends a righteous cause is greater and graver than he who taketh a city for greed.

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No one can know Christ until he has made himself acquainted with Christ. 'Tis then we feel the need of knowing Him and becoming like Him by yielding to Him and believing in Him.

DEATH NOTICES

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healing to the last. He died Jan. 9, 1937. We hope his life will be an example to other children. The funeral was conducted by our pastor, J. H. Bowling at the home of his parents, Waldon and Martha Asher, Essie, Ky.

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WHITAKER

Pleasent Raymond Whitaker departed this life on March 6, 1937 at the age of thirty-four years, eleven months, and three days. The funeral was conducted by Brother M. H. Durben and interment made in Horine cemetery at Richwoods, Mo.—One who loved him, his aunt, Sophie Merseal, Richwoods, Mo.

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BROWNS

Mrs. Maggie Browns departed this life Saturday, March 26. She was forty-two years old. The funeral service was conducted by Brothers E. L. Stanley, Wm. E. Smith and others.—Lloyd L. Palmer, (colored), clerk, Seaford, Del.

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MORAN

Edna Iris Moran was born Jan. 7, 1931 and departed this life Feb. 3, 1937, making her stay on earth just a few short years. There is now a newly made mound, for the form that was so cherished has been laid beneath the sod, but up yonder in those portals little Iris is now sheltered by the Savior's loving care.—Sent in by a friend, Emma Taylor, Schoolfield, Va.

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MILLIGAN

On Feb. 28, 1937, the death angel visited the home of Henry Milligan and claimed as its victim his loving wife, Nora Milligan, age sixty years, eleven months, and twenty-five days. She was a member of the Church of God at Honey Comb Rock.—Written by her husband and children, Henry Milligan, Herod, Ill.

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WILLIAMS

On March 16, 1937, the death angel claimed for his victim Brother Roy Williams, age fifty years and eight months. He was a loyal member of the Church of God at Greeneville, Tenn. Funeral service was conducted by Brother I. H. Brabson and his body laid to rest in Cedar Hill cemetery.—His wife, Fannie Williams, Greeneville, Tenn.

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ARNOLD

In loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Susie Arnold, who departed this life Feb. 16, 1937. She was sixty-seven years, three months, and twenty-three days old. She was a member of the Church of God. —One who loved her, her daughter, Mrs. Ben Byrd, Natchez, Miss., Rt. 1.

EDMONDSON

Sister Tempie Edmondson departed this life March 10, 1937. She was fifty-two years of age and a dearly beloved member of the Church of God. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery.—One who dearly loved her, Mrs. C. M. Hales, Tarboro, N. C.

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BROWN

The death angel visited the home of Sister Ida Brown and claimed for its victim her beloved husband, Harman Edward Brown, age forty-five years. The funeral was conducted by the writer and interment made in the Fairmont cemetery.—One who loved him, J. B. Stewart, Signal Mt., Tenn.

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MOORE

The death angel visited the home of Emma Jackson and claimed for its victim her loving brother, J. B. Moore. He was born April 16, 1890 and died Feb. 22, 1937, age forty-seven years, ten months, and six days. He was saved. The funeral was conducted by Brother Linwood Jacobs and interment made in Timrod cemetery.—Mrs. R. S. Bigham.

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BALLARD

Alice Ballard was born Nov. 22, 1922 and died Feb. 20, 1937, age fourteen years, two months, and twenty-nine days. The funeral was conducted by Brother Linwood Jacobs and interment made in the Larlwood cemetery. Pray for her mother.--Mrs. R. S. Bigham, Rock Hill, S. C.

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STEVENS

W. P. Stevens departed this life March 17, 1937. He was a member of the Church of God. Interment was made in Sandy Ridge cemetery. Service was conducted by Brother Roy D. Stevens at the cemetery.—Albert Farmer, Duty, Va.

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TALLEY

In memory of our baby, Joel Edward Talley, who died March 27, 1936.

One year has passed since that sad day.
The one we loved was called away,
God took him home, it was His will,
But in our hearts he livest still.

He is sadly missed by mother, father and brothers.—Mrs. James Talley, Rt. 1, Box 67, Bush, La.

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FUGATE

The death angel visited the home of Brother John Fugate of Mallory, W. Va., March 2, 1937 and took his loving wife, Mary Fugate. Her body was laid to rest in the Isaac cemetery, Brother Henry C. Swanson in charge.—Mary Swanson, writer.

BEASLEY

Sister Ida Beasley departed this life to be with Jesus. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Fair Haven, N. C. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, J. C. Leonard and interment made in the family cemetery.—Mrs. J. C. Leonard, Benson, N. C., Rt. 2.

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MOREE

Earl Theodore Moree of Riviera, Fla. was born April 10, 1919, and died March 10, 1937, at the age of seventeen years. He was saved on his death bed. The funeral was held at the Mizell-Simon Mortuary, West Palm Beach, Fla. and interment made in the Woodlawn cemetery, our pastor, Brother J. L. Allen, in charge. —Alice Cheney.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends, especially the Church of God members of Cleveland, for their prayers and kindness during the sickness and death of our wife, mother, and daughter, and for the beautiful floral offerings. May God richly reward each of you.—J. H. Arthur, R. A. Lee and family, and Mrs. J. R. Crow.

REVIVAL

HICKORY GROVE, S. C. — The Church of God at Hickory Grove, S. C. has just closed a two-weeks' revival. The Lord blessed in each service and much good was done, for which we praise God. Three were saved, sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church. Brother W. L. Ramsey did the preaching under the anointing power of God, assisted by Brother Colo Edwards. —E. L. Hooper, pastor, 1008 Magnolia St., Gaffney, S. C.

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